## POETRY.

From the Baltimore Patrick. THE GRAVE OF DALLAM.

The reader will recollect, that the papers au-nounced the death of Mr. James B. Dallam, who, with many others, was basely butchered by the Indians, in Florida, in July last. I have seen a gentleman from Florida, who knew Mr. Dallam, and speaks of him in the highest terms Alas I that so brave, so generous, and gifted a young man, should have been donned to bleed beneath the reeking arm of the Indian. They were asleep, when the savages rushed upon them and murdered nearly all the party, only three escaping according to the gentleman above alluded to. A faithful dog.attached to Mr. Dallan, remained by his dead body, and was found fourteen days after the murder, by a party of troops who came to bury the dead. The dog was scarcely able to stand, and gave a feeble howl over the friend who had perished by Indian faithlessness; the Indians having entered into a treaty with Gen. Macomb. How long will our government tamper with this matter, and how long shall the Indian tomahawk drink the

This noble dog, Romeo, is now a great favorite with the garrison at Tamba Bay. An an-imal so faithful as to perish to protect the dead body of him he loved from the claws of the vulture, should be remembered in marble, and his affection perpetuated on the pages of history.

Mr. Dallam was a Baltmorian, and educated for the Bar. He was on the eve of returning to his brother and sister in Baltimore, But alas! they will see him no more, he steebs in a gory grave, in the wilds of Florida.

He came upon the stage of life a youth Of modern merit, and a spotless fame: Whose heart was school'd in moral, sacred truth.

And virtue was his high and holy aim. In life's bright mor :- in infancy's blest years, He bow'd beside a holy mothers knee; And vow'd himself to virtue, and in tears Renounded the faults from which his heart was free.

That mother lov'd him for the faith he bore, And her last pray'r for him was fondly said She went down to the grave on Delaware's

shore.
And sleeps with all the sainted, silent dead. The youth grew up to manhood and the praise Of all the good and gifted was his own; Noble ambition caught his meutal gaze,

For genius in his mind had made her throne fle grasp'd no phantom, and no wild career Was mark'd for him, in life's all chequ'd

Fro : dissipation his whole heart was clear, And from each act malevolent or mean. The muse of eloquence had fired his soul, And long he studied ere he sought the Bar. And off to won the similes in her control,-Alas to perish in a wild afar!

He might have tounder'd in his native halls, Or the Sende Chambes dared to climb; j Amid the inighty, who have those walls, Echo the strains of eloquent sublime.

But ald with talens, taste and sense combined He the sonny South pursued the brave; There, with spiffed and a mighty mind, Far from his friends to fall and find a grave.

He left the fifum for the tented field, Caress'd and courted by the mighty throng; There to binoid war's victors front reveal'd, And liken to the war-shout and the song.

Twas pight-amid his band of mighty men, He shober'd sweetly as a thoughtless child, Whet, like dark serpents from a gloomy glen, They came, and burst the war-who ip loud and wild.

The came withglittering steel and roolingeyes, same like of waves;

And like a clap of thunder in clear skies, Broke the madwar cry on the dying braves Brave Dallam dreampt of home and all its charms.

Of dearest friends, and woke mid wild nproar; To gensp a savage Indian in his arms, Whose naked kinfo was reeking with his

gore. His dying eyes gazed on his friends around, From whose brave hearts the crimson

streams did pear,

Then look's upon the dog; and, with a bound,
Fell back and bled—life's lingering dream W 14 0 er.

And there was Romeo by the lov'd one dead. Socking to rou a sim from his dreamless s'cop: Now lie'd the hand tout had so often fed'

Now hanging down his head as if to ween And there he stood thre' many a weary day, To waich the corpse whose heart he of

had prov'd: To scare the well and vulture from their prey, And perish with the man he dearly lov'd. And when a band of brothers came to sigh And to consign them to the grave to dwell Poor Romeo, staggered, turn'd his weary eye,

And feebly howl'd a last, a fond farewell The gifted and the brave now sleeps afar. Unmindful of the treacherous Indian's Knife On his cold car falls not the blast of war,

Nor the wild death song, nor the clash of

strife. But memory off his terms in after years Shall treasure, and strew flowers upon hi

bourne; There too shall fall a gentle sister's tears, And there a much lov'd brother muse and mourne.

Farewell! -thou'st gone to thy untimely tomb, But virtue casts a halo o'er the sod; But death ham lost o'er thee thepow'r of doom For them shall rise into the halls of God. Bal. Dec. 6th, 1839. MILFORD BARD.

## FAMILY PRAYER.

In binding a family together in peace and love, there is no human influence like that of domestio prayer. Uniting them in common objects, it unites their symphathies and desires. Raising their bearts to heaven, it brings them altogether in the presence of God. The family altar is an asylum to which they repair from the cares and toils of life. - Reminding them of the rest received in heaven, it unites them in efforts of faith and obedience for its attainment. Earth has no holier spot than a house thus sanctified prayer, where the voices of supplication and cherishing the virtues of industry and and bitter were the tears of affection thanksgiving consecrate every day, where the word of God is devoutedly read, and young and frugality, had become possessed of a which had embalmed his memory.

old united to show forth all his praise. It may is humble Sut it is holy, and therefore heaveny. Poverty may be there and sorrom, but its nmates are rich in faith, and joy in the Holy Ghost; but they will come to angels of mercy. and the spirit whom they release from the imprissonment of the flesh shall be united, free and happy, to worship forever, as earth did not permit them, a family in Heaven,

## A THANSKGIVING DINNER.

It was a bleak day in the month of November. The north wind howled mournfully through the leafless treesthe broken clouds flitted rapidly across the face of the heavens-and the whole face of nature assumed an aspect, cheerless and uncomfortable-well calculated to remind the moralist of the closing scenes in the great drama of lifeas a traveller, with weary steps, wended his solitary way through one of those blood of our bravest and most talented young beautiful hamlets which abound in New England -and which constitute the notly proud.

To judge from his costume, this trav. eller belonged to the humblest ranks of his patched doublet, and his canvass trousers, soiled by tar in many places -while they proclaimed his occupation ency of the weather. His form was cast in a noble mould, denoting great activ- was deprived of her parents by death Thanksgiving day, no individual, rich ity and strength. His manly features, But Deacon Willis had been to her bronzed by exposure to the tropical sun, and partly concealed from view by his luxuriant locks of coal black hue, showed that he was still in the dawn of manhood. And his eyes seemed lighted up with an intelligent spirit-by a gleam of expectation and hope, with his noble nature-and that however severely fate had dealt with him, his energies were still unbroken-and that maugre the chill northern blast, and the fatigues which it was evident he had recently undergone, he was resolved to push onward until the object which he had

in view was accomplished. "It is now three years" said he to himself, as be plodded along the road, since I very foolishly left my happy home, urged by a stilly pique, and a love for a life of adventure, to brave the hardships and perils of the ocean. Since then my life has been a constant series of misfortunes. I have met with storms on every tack. But thank Providence, although my canvass is sadly reduced and pretty well worn out-and my pockets are destitute of ballast-my bull is unimpaired and my spirits are as unbruken aud buoyant as ever. I nope my parents are still living, and prosperous and buppy - I was a lool to leave them And my brothers and eisters - how happy we were together - and cousin Mary -that bright little fairy, whom I leved with a love surpassing that of cousins-and in whose company I passed so many rapturous bours! Oh, I was a great fool to leave such blassful scenes. And I believe, after all, that the little fairy loved me! I know she did-she all but told me so. But it is too late now to retrace my steps-I can only regret my folly. I dere say the bright and joyous young thing has forgotten Ned Willis, and was married to some worthier fellow than I am long since. For her rosy cheeks, and laughing eyes, and sweet disposition, to way nothing of the property she was to inherit when he came of age, attracted many admirers-and made sad havoc among the learts of the youths of the village. Well I'she is married, there is no more to be said -I have no right to complain. But I hope she has chosen a good husband. I will see her once more-wish her a long life and a happy one-and away to sea again. But if she is not married ---- " He did not finish the sentence, but a change came over the countenance of the ill-clad and weather heaten mariner, as he was indulging in a vision of rapture -- and he involuntairly qickened his pace.

As Edward Willis journeyed onward towards his home-anticipating by turns happy and adverse fortunes, he was sur prised to find that although it was in the middle of the week, there was no signs of labor among the inhabitants. All was quiet-even the oxen were browmeeting houses were open-the people pany stood around the table, waiting for

looking traveller after years of wander- before, to embrace a seafearing lifeing, was pursuing his way towards and the wanderer had not returned .brightly on the hearth, stone of his he was no onger in he land of the living; parents. Descon Willis was A NEW and although they still strove to cherish

randsome property; and who, enjo in competence in a free country, proteced by a wise government, surrounder by kind an intelligent neighbors, and i the midst of a happy and victious family, cavied neither nahobs their riches or in anche their power.

It was I'hank-giving Dav; and gres had been the bustle in Deacon Wills am ly for the previous week. Descended in a direct line from one of the earlust settlers of New England, no con- was head to make some angry remondirectly from the heart.

parent; his house had been her home for a plentiful meal. Ask him in my son his wife had treated her with a mother continued the noble-hearted farmer; kindness; and his children regarded het as a sister and a dear friend. Mrs. Willis' situation as mistress

of the family, was no sinecure on that day. Her duties were various and im- But his appearance and manner were portant; for it was the New England strange, and he seemed as if he was ill-Holiday; and all her skill as a house- disposed to requite his kind host for the wife; all her excellence as a manager tospitality he enjoyed. He did not ewere put to the test on Thanksgiving ten raise his dilapidated hat from his Day. After the family returned from meeting, for they were of the old fash- were made of him, he scarcely deigned uned sort, who would almost as soon lose their Thanksgiving dinner, as be deprived of their Tuanksgiving sermon, the table was set in the large front parlor, which was wont to used only on extraordinary occasions, and serious preparations for the festival commenced. A good fire, made of walnut and yellow oak wood, burned cheerfully in the large open fire-place; and all the females bequisition to bear the abundance of the respective places, made the tables groatagain. At the head of the table, was placed a partly Turkey, the choicest of a large and pampered family; at the further extremity, was deposited a han of a size and flavour to make a Weethe centre was stationed, pucked, roasted, and ready for the carving knife, one of those celebrated unimals, whilom saved from the ranges of the Gauls, the apital of Rome, and which in vulgar mriance, are ycleped geese-while here and there, scattered round the table, in sprarent disorder, but with deliberate are and precision, were boiled fowls coasted fowis-jallies, knicknacks, and plates of vegetables of more varieties and excellence than I would willingly indertake to unumerate-while on the citchen table arranged apparently as a orps dereserve, migh be seen a stately plum pudding, supported by several enormous Thanksgiving pumpkin pies, with mince pies, apple pies, squash pies. and custard pies, with fruits of various kinks, not forgetting nuts and apples, to bring up the rear. As a beverage on this happy occasion, water was the on ly article provided - water brought from a clear and sparkling - pring, which bub bled up a few rods from the house; for Farmer Willis contended that water was the hest drink, even on festive occasions-and that hilarity and joy should he promoted, not by wine or strong drink of any kind, but hy social communion, by a free interchange of thoughts and ideas, by generous feelings, born and

nurtured in a public bosom. It was nearly two o'clock, long after their accustomed hours of dinner, before the assembled company where invited into the parlor to partake of the sing contentedly in the pastures-the good cheer which had been so bountischool-houses were closed, and the fully provided. And as the happy comwhom he met with neatly arrayed in their host to ask the Divine Blessing their Sunday clothes-and their counte- upon the meal which was placed before nances were wreathed in smiles of grat- them, a shade flitted across the good itude and joy. On inquiry, he learned man's brow-for his eldest son, a noble hailed the information as a glad omen. faces which surrounded him, Edward's his native village, the fire burned There was good reason to believ that

"My poor, dear boy!" exclaimed M. Willis-"Ah, I much fear we shall nev er see his smilling face again."

Mary Wadsworth said nothing-bu tear started into her eye; and any easual observer would have seen a ince that Edward Willis was dearer to er than a cousin and a friend; and that he cherished his memory in the very depths of her heart. Just then old Rose, the house-dog,

elderation could have indu ed the wor- strance to a passing traveller, which atthy Deacon to abate one jot of the tracted attention, masunch as it was by tacks on board; and, wearied, hungry, one is enzeled to know how it can be Thenkegiving was religiously observed seldom accosted a well-dressed, gene reached his home. by him, as it had been by he father beat tlemanly personage, in a rude and anfore him; and the gratitude which he ex- gry manner, but he entertained the prepressed to his Creator for the mercies judice against the victums of misfortune you will never again leave us." which he had received, was not a mere or intemperance, who wear the garb of formula of unmenning words, but came poverty, which is cherished by noble ed like a penny. animals, who boast the attributes of rea-On this day his children were col- son. In truth, Rose, although a faithlected a'l around him; and all anticipa- lut dog, was a real aristocrat in his printed a joyous Thanksgiving. Several of siples. The traveller, from his appearble ornaments, emblems of freedom, his distant relations, who were not so ince, moved in the humblest rank of ed her guardian. well provided with the good things of Ife; and Rose evidently intended to this life as the worthy Deacon, also ac- give him a reception corresponding with cepted an invitation to be present. A- his shabby appearance, and was advaumong those who were shaltered by his sing towards him in a surly manuer, hise-or had been singled out as a victim hospitable roof on this occasion, the and with a truculent look, when Deacon greatest favourite seemed to be Mary Willis, who well knew the peculiarties Wardsworth, a blue eyed damsel, whose of his dog, told his son James to go out lovely and expressive face told more as and protect the stranger from violence, bout sweetness and purity than I couls "He seems a sailor, too," said he, "and wife, three levely children, he every and his poverty, seemed but poorly cal- describe in a folio volume. She was on a day like this, we should not refuse year welcomes the approach of Novemthe only daughter of a cousin of the the rites of hospitality to the humblest ber, and reads in the Mercantile Jourworthy deacon's, and at an early age being who passes along the road. On nal, with keen gratification, the Govor poor, sailor or landsman, should want ING DAY.

> "and let the poor wayfarer take a seat at our board." The stranger entered the parlor, and room was made for him at the table. head; and to the kind inquiries which iny reply; but as if overcome with faigue, or agitated by contending emoions, he threw himself into the nearest hair, and covered his brow with his

The wondering group witnessed his conduct in silence. "Come now, my good man," at length exclaimed Mrs. Willis in a kind motherly tone, "I dare say you are tired and hungry; take a longing to the honer, were put in re- seat at the table, and make courself it home. We like sailors; and would good things from the kitchen to the gladly do you a good turn for the sake parlor, and which when deposited in their of one who has long been absent Don't y, Mary; you should learn to re-

train your feelings." Just then old Rose, who, when the willor first come in sight, was disposed o regard him as an enemy, appeared o have overcome his combative prosensitios, and, much to the surprise of he children, seemed suddenly to have conceived the most lively attachment to he "poor straggler." He wagged his ail with unwonted energy, absolutely danced around him, whined forth his lov in the most expressive manner, and continued the pantomine by jumping ino his lap and attempting to lick his face!

The stranger hardly attempted to re ulse the affectionate animal; but gently atting his head, addressed him with he endearing epithet of "l'oor ole Bose" adding "you have not forgotten

He then raised his head, took his and from his forehead; removed his hat, and brushed away the long and matted locks which partly concealed us features. His voice seemed to have onehed a chord in the bosoms of perons present, which had long ceased to ibrate. The eyes of Deacon Willis and his wife were turned upon him in ager expectation .Mary Wardsworth started; the rose on her cheek gave place to the lily; and her deep-seated and pure love proved more quick sinhted than even parental affection. She gazed upon him with a look in which joy and surprise were blended; and their his glance, which beamed with tenderness and rapture; expressing the fruition of earthly enjoyment. Her maidenly reserve was conquered by her surprise and joy at beholding before her, a dear one whom she had long mourned as lost "It is my cousin Edward!" said she and she threw herself into his arms.

The scene that followed may be imagined, but cannot be described; nor shall I attempt it. There was no long following interesting information:

"And you are welcome home, my boy," exclaimed his father; "and I hope

"I see how the wind sits," said the asserts that it occasions, worthy Deacon; "Come\_hither, Mary Wardsworth."

Mary, with trembling steps, approach-

"Mary," said the Deacon; "We must look to you for security that Edward

will never play truant again." He put her trembling hand in that of

his son. Edward has never been to sea since. He is now a happy and a prosperous farmer; and blessed with an affectionate ernor's Proclamation for THANKSGIV-

CHINESE YOUTH .- The following account is given by a correspondent of the Christian Watchman, of a Chinese youth now in Baltimore. The letter is dated Oct. 29.

His name is Iulian Ahona, from the city of Canton In Chins. His father has been an extensive tea merchant. carrying on the trade with different antions. Julian was left fatherless at the age of nine years. About four years since he was induced by the friends of the deceased father, to visit Valparaiso in South America. He remained there about three years, and then came to this city, by the invitation of our city zons. He was placed at the institution with which I am connected, for the purpose of giving him a knowledge of he English language. I took occasion almost every day to converse with min, privately, on the Christian religion, and to explain to him its sublimruths, as for as his limited knowledge of our language would enable him to u. derstand them

At first, he did not wish to embrace Christianity, pieferring the idolatrouer montes of his own country. He soon, however, came to the conclusion that the christian religio - was superio to any other. I asked him if te know inv thing about Jesus Christ 1 He an wered in the affirmative; and stated that our Saviour came into the world, prined a company of gamblers, engaged with them in a quarrel, and thus lost his life. This he was told in South America. I corrected the error, and pointed to the cross of Christ. As soun is he learned how much Jesus had suf fered for us, he became convinced that our religion would, if posessed, secure he eternal salvation of his soul, he said that he "must save it," and was willing to use any means which might ne thought proper. He give delightfu evidence of having passed from death into life. 'O, says he, 'I shall ever hank the Lord that I came to Americ , or here I have found my Saviour. He use been buried with Christ by baptism and united with the First Baptist church n this place. He is very desirous to become a massionary to his native counry, and says that he is willing to suffer my thing, even death, if necessary for the sake of Jesus.

He speaks and writes the Chinese and Spanish languages with facility .-He has in Canton a brother, who reacher the Chinese, and other relatives of influence. He is 19 years of age, quick to learn, has a strong mind, and is very exemplary in his conduct. Should his life be spared, we may confidently hope that he will be a great plessing to the millions of his countrymen, who, amidst a thousand superstitions, are pressing onward to their tearful doom.

STATUE OF WASHINGTON -A COTwriting from Carara in Italy, gives the and a gentleman.

ger any alloy in the enjoyment of that But the object most interesting, and that it was. Thanksgiving Day. He boy, was absent. Among the joyful beit, always noted for his picty, never was the statue of Washington by our on this subject may be useful. Dr. Bufflore offered up a thanksgiving prayer with own artist Greenough, destined for the New York, in a letter to Dr. Alcou-On the day when this poor, forforn was not seen. He had his home, years greater fervency and sincerity than on rotunda of the Capitol. It is just now of Boston, says, 'not a case of the that occasion. After dinner was over, ready for the hand of its designer, but the bas ever occurred with Edward had a long tale to tell, to which some time must still be spent in getting except with the drinkers of the his auditors listened with breathless at. it to Florence and giving the last touch tention, of the penis and sufferings he es; and two years may clapse before it ENGLAND FARMER; a man who, by hopes in each other's bosons, many three years. The vessel in which he alis of a coarser grain than the first he had sailed for South America, had rete statuary marble, which it is next asked a BL BL been suspected of carrying on a contra- to impossible to obtain in sufficient size cause have

and trade; and the crew were all con- for so huge a work. The half draped temned to the mines for life. Edward, figure is in a siting posture, and exhibament risk of his life, succeeded in ei- countenance in serene majesty, infrom setting his escape, and had worked his the best model familiar to every America usenge home in a vessel bound to ican as that of his own fath r; and the Providence. Misfortune pursued him; whole work when finished will be found he vessel was wrecked on? Block Is. worthy of the good fame of the artist. and during a heavy gale; and he, after It would be going beyond a traveller's i desperate struggle with the waves, license to offer criticism or even to give succeeded in gaining the shore. He a more minute description, while the est notime in proceeding to Providence statue is still incomplete. In looking in a fishing craft, when he took his land upon the immmense mass of marble, "pomp and pride and circumstance" of no means an ordinary occurrence; for destitute of money and clother, a poor safely floated across the Atlantic. E-the Thank-giving of the Puntans. Rose was a well nurtured brute, and shipwrecked sailor, Edward at length ven a ship of the line can only take it on deck.

> A DESTRUCTIVE.-A writer in the last No. of the Journal of the American Edward looked at Mary, who blush- Temperance Union makes the following specific charges against alcohol He

1. Three-fourths of the crime in the State of New York.

2. Seven-eighths of the pauperism. 3. Three-fourths of the taxation.

4 One third of the deaths of adult males. 5. Nearly half of the diseases.
6. From twenty to thirty thousand

drunkards.

7. Loss of twelve years, on the avcrage, from each drunkard's life. 8. The destruction of millions of

property, annually, in one way or other, But there is a great amount of evil produced by alchohol which is not usually referred to this source. A very great part of the listlessness, indifference, inattention to family affairs, loss of time, want of enterprise and energy, and general delinquency which are noticed among the poorer classes, and which are spoken of only as natural failme or moral defects, are doubless the result of orinking; and this too in many cases in which a character for intemperance is never acquired.

North Amer.

"I'LL TRY SIR!" was the answer of he brave General Miller, when ordered to take the enemy's battery at Bridgewater. He did try, and though there was a bailstorm of masketry and the thunder of cannon about his cars, he lid try, and wou the victory. Here is in example for every you g man to imstate. Never despair, even in the most thicult and trying circumstances. 'I'll ry sir,' will do wonders, in other ways en torming a battery. 'I'll try,' if esolutely tried will carry the young perchant onward to wealth -the man of haste ambition upward to fame-sthe nan of virtue and pie'y to the accomdishment of purposes dear to his heart. Let a man sit down at the foot of a great mountain, says Dr Johnson, to contemplate its greatness, and he will ay, 'I can never go over it; the attempt is futile., Yet on a secondary thought. e concludes the task can be performed not by one mighty leap, but by successive steps, and by the simple process of putting one foot before the other." Again-'The chief art' says Locke, 'is to attempt but little at a time. The wildest excursions of the mind are made by short flights frequently repeat d; the most lefty fabrics are formed by the accumulation of simple propositions. D ops of water constitue an ocean; sands make a mountain, and the ro ka are not worn away by a sudden force, but by continual dropping,

PERSIAN FABLE .- A drop of water fell out of a cloud into the sea, and finding itself lost in such an immensity of floor matter broke out into the following reflection : "Alas ! what an inconsiderable creature am I in this prodigioue ocean of waters; my existence is of no concern to the universe ! I am reduced to a kind of nothing, and am less than the least of the works of God.' It so happened that an oyster, which lay in the neighborhood of this drop, chanced to cape and swallow it up in the midst of this its humble soliloquy. The drop, says the fable, lay a great while hardening in the shell, till by degrees it was rivened into a pearl, which faling into the hands of a diver, after a ong series of adventures, is at present that famous pearl which is fixed on the top of the Persian diadem .- Addison.

Delicate Littentions .- In the thenth cen tury, to eat off the same plate, and drink out of the same cup, was considered a mark of gallantry, and the best respondent of the N. York Observer possible understanding between a lady

> Sick Headache. This is a disease with which not a case has failed of the

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